



April 14, 2021

House Ways and Means Committee
Via electronic correspondence

RE: House File 2128 (Health Finance Omnibus Bill)

Dear Chair Moran and members of the House Ways and Means Committee:

The undersigned organizations represent thousands of individuals facing serious, acute, and chronic health conditions in Minnesota. We request your support for Representative Bierman’s House File 633 as included in Article 5 of the Health Finance and Policy Committee’s omnibus bill, House File 2128.

At no cost to the state, HF 633 would give consumers who purchase coverage on the individual and small-group markets the choice of buying a plan that restructures the out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs. It would give patients a coverage option that makes the drugs that keep them healthy and productive -- and in many cases alive -- more affordable, without disrupting health insurance markets or forcing this option on other Minnesotans who do not need this kind of coverage.

We look forward to promoting passage of this legislation, and hope progress on copay-only coverage options will continue this year as the House and Senate work to reconcile their omnibus proposals. If you have questions, please contact Dana Bacon, Regional Director of Government Affairs for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (dana.bacon@lls.org, 612.308.0479).

Sincerely,

American Cancer Society
Cancer Action Network
Arthritis Foundation
Cancer Legal Care
Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations
Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota
Hemophilia Federation of America

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Minnesota Medical Association
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Psoriasis Foundation
National Organization for Rare Disorders
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